

CHARLES HILL.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4705.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4705) granting a pension to Charles Hill, have examined the same and report:

The records of the Auditor for the Navy Department show that this man enlisted January 23, 1862, as a seaman, and served on the *Ohio* from that date to March 9, 1862; on the *Marblehead* from March 10, 1862, to January 25, 1864, when he was discharged.

The medical records show that he was treated for diarrhea and bronchitis while in the service.

February 6, 1880, he filed an application for pension on account of injury to left foot, and was pensioned at \$4 from January 26, 1864; increased to \$8 from November 12, 1884. Increase claims have been rejected April 28, 1885; December 9, 1887, and December 5, 1888. He has alleged disease of nervous system and other results of pensioned disability, but no results are admitted by the Pension Office.

Application for increase filed July 11, 1889, was rejected March 27, 1893. July 13, 1896, he filed a claim under the act of June 27, 1890, alleging injury to left foot, rheumatism, deafness, impaired vision, disease of nervous system and brain. This claim was admitted at \$8 per month for injury to left foot, rheumatism, and disease of nervous system. Claimant elected to draw his pension under this law in lieu of the one under the general law, and the change was accordingly made.

His examinations have reported as follows: 1880, \$4 for injury to foot; 1882, \$10 for same; 1883, \$4 for injury and results; 1884, \$8 for same; 1887, \$8 for same; 1888, \$4 for same; 1892, \$10.

September 2, 1896, his last examination, rated him four-eightieths for injury to foot, four-eightieths for rheumatism, six-thirtieths for deafness, and six-eightieths for nervous system.

No injustice appears to have been done this claimant at the Pension Office. If his condition is worse, he should apply there, apparently not having made an application for increase since 1889.

The bill is reported back adversely, with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed.

